

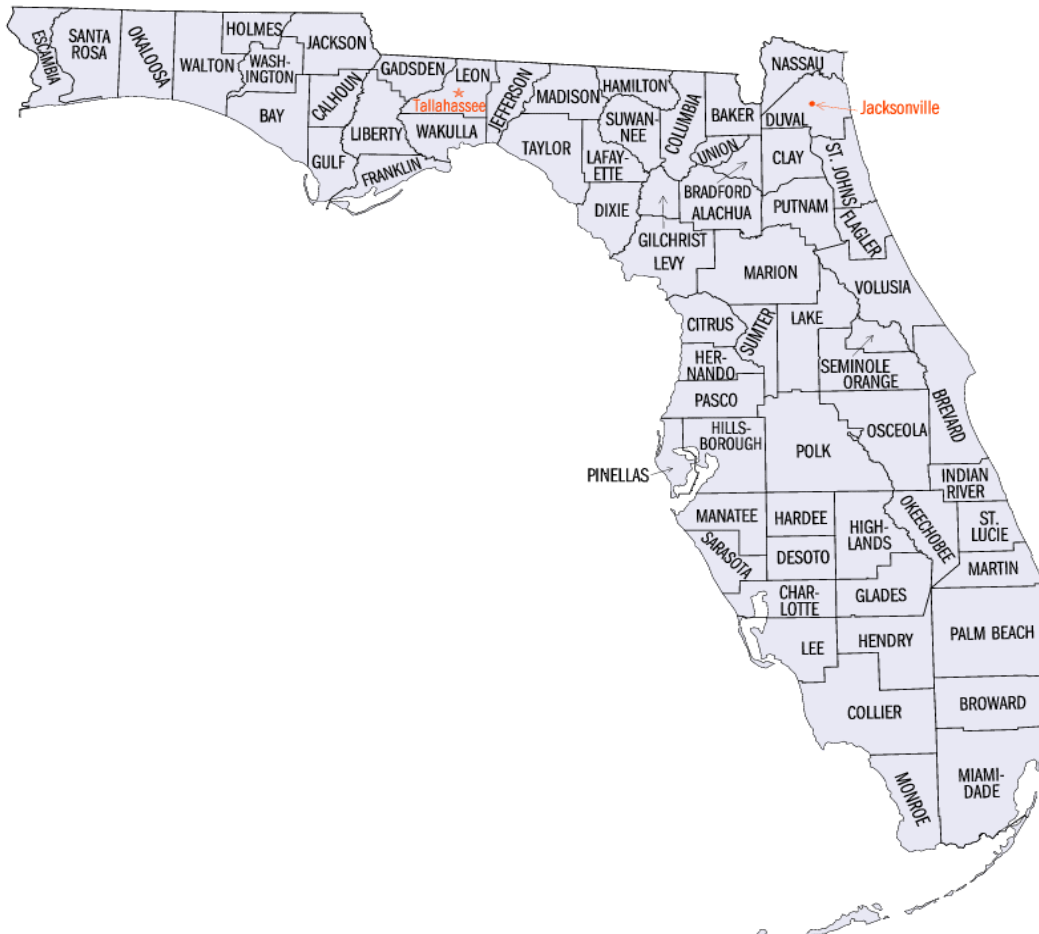
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Jacksonville

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, and crime statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 735,617
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 65.8% white; 29.6% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.8% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.4% other; 2.0% two or more races; 4.2% Hispanic (any race)
- County: Duval
- County population (2000 Census): 778,879

Politics

- Mayor: John Delaney²
- City Council Members (District): Lake Ray (1); Lynette Self (2); Jerry Holland (3); Suzanne Jenkins (4); Matt Carlucci (5); Mary Ann Southwell (6); Pat Lockett-Felder (7); Gwen Yates (8); Reggie Fullwood (9); King Holzendorf (10); Warren Alvarez (11); Doyle D. Carter (12); Alberta Hipps (13); James Overton (14); Faye Rustin (at-large); Elaine Brown (at-large); Lad Daniels (at-large); Ginger Soud (at-large); Gwen Chandler (at-large)³
- Jacksonville Sheriff: Nat Glover⁴

Programs/Initiatives

- Drug Abatement Response Team (DART)⁵
Established in January 1996, Jacksonville's DART program consists of police and other city agencies that identify and dispose of crack houses and other nuisance properties. By working with landlords/property owners, strategies are developed to reduce drug activity. Actions taken may include bringing the property up to code, tenant screening, and physical improvements to the property. If a landlord/property owner is uncooperative, DART is able to apply Florida Public Nuisance Statute 823.05, which states that buildings used for drug activity are public nuisances and damages may be recovered from the property owner.
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁶
Located in Jacksonville, the North Florida HIDTA was designated in January 2001 and is still in the planning stages.
- Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants (MNMG) Program⁷
MNMG is designed to give assistance to neighborhood projects that promote strong, healthy neighborhoods. As part of the FY 2002-2003 budget cycle, Mayor Delany will propose to the City Council an appropriation of \$250,000 for MNMG. If authorized, the funds will be available October 1, 2002. Any neighborhood association, civic organization or community group that has been in existence for at least six months and is located within Duval County is eligible to apply for up to \$5,000. Matching funds must equal or exceed the amount requested through the MNMG program.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁸
Since FY 1998, one coalition in Jacksonville has received Federal funding as part of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program. In FY 1999, the Jacksonville Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Strategy Coalition received \$100,000.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁹
One location in Jacksonville has received official recognition and Federal funding as a Weed and Seed site.
- FY 2001 SAMHSA Discretionary Funds received in Jacksonville:¹⁰
 - Jacksonville Coalition for Prevention received \$199,792 to prevent and reduce the incidence of youthful violence and substance abuse through improved mental health promotion for children and families. The project period is 9/30/1999-8/31/2002.
 - River Region Human Services, Inc. received \$313,637 for the Training of the Teens project which targets African Americans ages 9-16 and their parents who reside in the urban areas of Jacksonville. The project period is 9/30/1999-9/29/2002.
 - The Nef Healthy Start Coalition received \$96,964 to establish substance abuse and HIV prevention and other related services to racial and ethnic minority populations disproportionately impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The project period is 9/30/2001-9/29/2002.
 - First Coast Counseling and Education Center received \$500,000 to target African Americans ages 19-44 in ten HIV/AIDS epidemic zip codes for case management, interventions, and counseling. The project period is 9/30/2001-9/29/2004.
 - River Region Human Services, Inc. received \$443,354 to expand treatment services by 300 slots for African American female injecting drug users and men who have sex with men. The project period is 9/30/2000-9/29/2003.
 - River Region Human Services, Inc. received \$509,047 to expand services of the Women in Need project. The project period is 9/30/1999-9/29/2002.

Crime

- During 2001, there were nearly 29,000 larceny offenses known to the police in Jacksonville.¹¹

Number of Offenses Known to Police, Jacksonville, 2000 and 2001

Offense	2000	2001	% Change
Murder	79	75	-5.1
Rape	443	287	-35.2
Robbery	2,022	2,195	8.6
Aggravated assault	5,662	4,830	-14.7
Burglary	9,955	9,903	-0.5
Larceny	28,378	28,826	1.6
Vehicle theft	4,533	5,132	13.2

- There were 8,167 arrests in Duval County for drug violations in 2001.¹²

Number of Arrests, Duval County, 2001

Offense	Arrests
Murder	55
Forcible sex	457
Robbery	424
Aggravated assault	2,152
Burglary	1,258
Larceny	4,946
Motor vehicle theft	756
Drugs/narcotics	8,167
DUI	3,504
Liquor law violations	251

Juveniles¹³

- Five percent of Duval County middle school students surveyed in 2000 reported being current marijuana users.

Middle School Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use, Duval County, 2000

	Valid responses	# using	% using
Current use of cigarette	593	44	7.4
Current use of alcohol	585	106	18.1
Recent binge drinking	573	44	7.7
Current use of marijuana	584	29	5.0
Current use of all other drugs	557	49	8.8

- Over twenty percent of Duval County high school students surveyed in 2000 reported current use of marijuana.

High School Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use, Duval County, 2000

	Valid responses	# using	% using
Current use of cigarette	651	139	21.4
Current use of alcohol	652	251	38.5
Recent binge drinking	633	126	19.9
Current use of marijuana	645	137	21.2
Current use of all other drugs	620	73	11.8

Consequences of Use¹⁴

- District Four of the Florida Medical Examiner's Office is located in Jacksonville and is responsible for Duval, Nassau, and Clay Counties. During 2001, there were 108 deaths reported in District Four in which cocaine was found in the body of the deceased.

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, by Drug Involved, District Four, 2001

Drug Type	# of Deaths
Cocaine only	35
Cocaine in combination with other drug	73
Heroin only	1
Heroin in combination with other drug	12
Oxycodone only	3
Oxycodone in combination with other drug	27
Hydrocodone only	28
Hydrocodone in combination with other drug	24
Methadone only	7
Methadone in combination with other drug	38
Methylated amphetamine only	0
Methylated amphetamine in combination with other drug	6

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2000, there were 2,549 full time law enforcement employees in Jacksonville.¹⁵
- Operation X-Men¹⁶
Operation X-Men is a multi-agency narcotics task force made up of officers from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Clay County Sheriff's Office, and Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- On June 8, 2002, Jacksonville's DART program shut down the rave club Evolution after finding more than sixty major code violations. Evolution opened in February 1999 and was known to police as a drug haven.¹⁷

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2001, law enforcement officials in Duval County eradicated 1,113 marijuana plants.¹⁸

Results of Marijuana Eradication Program, Duval County, 2001

Item eradicated/seized	#
Number of plants eradicated	1,113
Number of sites	19
Number of indoor grows	10
Number of outdoor grows	9
Number of related arrests	16

- Results of Operation X-Men Investigation¹⁹
The Operation X-Men task force shut down a drug trafficking organization responsible for distributing large quantities of MDMA, cocaine and marijuana in northeast Florida. Some individuals within the group also distributed Ketamine and GHB. As a result of Operation X-Men's eight-month investigation, sixteen arrests had been made by May 20, more individuals were being sought, and large quantities of MDMA pills were seized. The organization's weekly drug distribution was 10,000

MDMA pills (worth a street value of \$200,000), 100 pounds of marijuana (\$100,000), and two kilograms of cocaine (\$70,000).

Courts

➤ Drug Courts²⁰

As of January 17, 2002, there were two drug courts in Jacksonville that had been operating for over two years and one drug court that was being planned.

➤ During FY 2000, 54.1% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in northern Florida had committed a drug offense. 39.6% (78) of the drug offenses involved crack cocaine.²¹

Federally-Sentenced Drug Offenders, Northern Florida, FY 2000

Drug Involved	Percent	Number
Crack cocaine	39.6%	78
Marijuana	22.3	44
Powder cocaine	19.8	39
Methamphetamine	15.7	31
Heroin	0.5	1
Other	2.0	4

Corrections

➤ Criminal Justice Substance Abuse Program (CJSAP)²²

CJSAP provides licensed substance abuse prevention and intervention services to the general adult inmate population throughout the Duval County correctional system. CJSAP also operates a specialized in-jail 96-bed, 120-day intensive substance abuse treatment unit for chemically dependent adult inmates within the Community Corrections Division of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (Secure Drug Treatment Program).

➤ Secure Drug Treatment Program²³

The Secure Drug Treatment Program is housed within the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Community Corrections Division and provides intensive treatment to adult offenders for up to 120 days. Treatment is followed by a twelve-month aftercare period.

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